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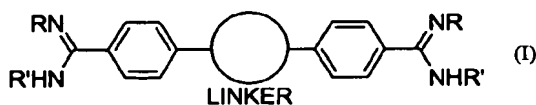
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1,4- disubstituted; R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group, containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; R' is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group containing from one to twenty carbon atoms, an aromatic ring, a cycloalkyl group containing three to eight carbon atoms, or a hydroxyl group; alternatively, R and R' may form a cyclic structure that can be fused to another cyclic system; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. Pharmaceu-
tical formulations and active compounds useful in the practice of the present invention are also disclosed.

(57) Abstract: A method of combating infectious agents, such as *Pneumocystis pneumonia*, and a method of treat-
ing a subject in need of such treatment is disclosed. The method comprises administering to the subject a bis-ben-
zamidoxime of formula (I) wherein the linker is a di-sub-
stituted cyclic moiety of any ring size and may contain at
least one heteroatom; the aromatic group is 1,2-; 1,3-; or